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SUBJECT: PL 480 TITLE 1 SALE TO TANZANIA - RICE

REF: (A) STATE 49774, (B) BANGKOK 5668

1. IF YOU HAVE NO OBJECTION, PLEASE CONVEY THE FOLLOWING
MESSAGE TO DIRECTOR GENERAL CHUMPHOL OF THE DEPARTMENT
OF FOREIGN TRADE. QUOTE THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE
RECEIVED YOUR LETTER OF MARCH 15 CONCERNING THE PROPOSAL
BY THE UNITED STATES TO MAKE 20,000 METRIC TONS OF RICE
AVAILABLE TO TANZANIA UNDER TITLE 1 OF PL 480. THE
DEPARTMENT GREATLY APPRECIATES RECEIVING YOUR VIEWS.
THE UNITED STATES HAS NO DESIRE TO DISRUPT THAILAND'S
SALES OF RICE TO ITS REGULAR MARKETS.

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2. THE DEPARTMENT SUBMITS, HOWEVER, THAT TANZANIA IS NOT
A REGULAR COMMERCIAL IMPORTER OF RICE. IN THE YEARS
PRECEDING 1974 IT IMPORTED NO RICE COMMERCIALY AND RELIED
ENTIRELY ON ITS OWN PRODUCTION AND A MODEST AMOUNT OF
ASSISTANCE. THEN IT SUFFERED A VERY SEVERE DROUGHT WHICH
REDUCED TANZANIA'S PRODUCTION AND IT HAD TO MAKE

EXTRAORDINARY PURCHASES IN ORDER TO MEET ITS RICE CONSUMPTION NEEDS. BOTH THE UNITED STATES AND THAILAND BENEFITED FROM THESE PURCHASES. IN 1976 IT AGAIN MADE NO COMMERCIAL

PURCHASES. IT WOULD NOT APPEAR, THEREFORE, THAT TANZANIA IS A REGULAR COMMERCIAL IMPORTER OF RICE.

3. TODAY TANZANIA IS EMERGING FROM THE EFFECTS OF THE DROUGHT AND EXPECTS NEXT YEAR TO BE ABLE TO MEET ALMOST ALL OF IT RICE CONSUMPTION NEEDS THROUGH IT OWN PRODUCTION. IT IS A POOR COUNTRY WITH A PER CAPITA GNP OF ONLY DOLS.

160. THE DROUGHT CAUSED GREAT DIFFICULTY TO ITS FOREIGN EXCHANGE POSITION. NEVERTHELESS, IT HAS A NON-COMMERCIAL IMPORT REQUIREMENT IN 1977 OF 20,000 METRIC TONS OF RICE. THE UNITED STATES IN ORDER TO ASSIST TANZANIA IN ITS RECOVERY IS PROPOSING TO SUPPLY THIS AMOUNT THROUGH THE PL 480 PROGRAM.

4. GIVEN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TRUSTS THAT THE ROYAL THAI GOVERNMENT WILL NOT OBJECT TO ITS PROCEEDING WITH THE PROPOSED ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

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